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Call for Expression of Interest for UNHCR Operation in South Sudan

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Note: The purpose of the Call for Expression of Interest is to solicit interest from existing or prospective partners that wish to participate in the South Sudan UNHCR operation and contribute complementary resources (human resources, knowledge, funds, in-kind contributions, supplies and/or equipment) to achieving common objectives as agreed in a Project Partnership Agreement.

As part of UNHCR's efforts to provide the highest level of International Protection and Humanitarian Assistance to Refugees and Spontaneous Refugee Returnees, the UNHCR Representation in South Sudan is calling for Expression of Interest from the National and International Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) for the implementation of Projects in different **Sectors** as mentioned below:

1. Refugee Response

Location: Juba with missions to refugee camps in South Sudan

Sectors	Proposed Activities for 2019
Capacity, Skill Development & Knowledge Management	Manage Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative Fund (DAFI) programme for UNHCR South Sudan by coordinating with students and relevant actors including education partners, Commission of Refugee Affairs (CRA), Ministry of Education, the Refugee Community, Universities abroad, UNHCR and the German Embassy.

2. Spontaneous / Refugee Returnee Response

Location: Maban, Malakal, Bentiu, Juba, Wau, Yei, Torit, Bor, Kapoeta and Yambio

Sectors	Proposed Activities for 2019
Access to legal assistance and legal remedies improved	Legal services provided related to Housing Land and Property matters. Access to justice implemented
Risk of SGBV is reduced and quality of response improved	Participation of community in SGBV prevention and response enabled and sustained
Protection of children strengthened	Prevention and response services for children at risk including measures to assist UASC

Peaceful co-existence with local communities promoted	Community-based and Peaceful co-existence projects for returnees and host community
Self-reliance and livelihoods improved	Projects related to agricultural, livestock, fisheries to support self-employment
Community mobilization strengthened and expanded	Participatory Assessments conducted using Age, Gender and Diversity mainstreaming approach Capacity building for community structures
Population has sufficient basic and domestic items	Assess the basic needs for the returnees and distribute core relief items to extremely vulnerable individuals

3. Monitoring of the cross-border movements of South Sudanese refugees spontaneously returning to South Sudan

Location: Maban, Malakal, Bentiu, Juba, Wau, Yei, Torit, Bor, Kapoeta and Yambio

Sectors	Proposed Activities for 2019
Access to the territory improved	Set up (or enhance the existing) field presence through deployment of monitoring teams in areas close to the borders of South Sudan where increased cross-border (population) movement is observed, in particular on the routes used by South Sudanese refugees spontaneously returning to South Sudan. Interview the spontaneously returning South Sudanese refugees to assess their mobility, intended destinations, intention to stay, push and pull factors and any protection risks met en route. Establish links with community structures and carry out outreach activities in the communities to assess multi-sectoral assistance needs and protection risks. Identify and refer specific cases including protection cases for further follow up or provision of service or assistance. Implement the agreed activities (monitoring, referral, reporting, and interventions) in consultation with UNHCR teams and/or corresponding offices in the field. Submit regular reports using a combination of quantitative and qualitative (narrative reports) methods as devised by UNHCR.

The process aims at ensuring that UNHCR selects the best-fit organizations for the implementation of high quality and results based protection and assistance projects in the above-mentioned sectors for Refugees in South Sudan and Refugee Returnees.

Interested organizations should submit a **Concept Note** to express their interest and demonstrate its unique advantage and value added for undertaking the Project Partnership Agreement. Please note that the Concept Note is not a full and well-defined description of a Project. The detailed Project and its budget will be fully elaborated later on, if the partner is selected.

Interested organizations may submit one Concept Note **indicating the sector** they want to be considered according to the tables above. Organization should furthermore submit a separate Concept Note for each sector, e.g. **1. Refugees or 2. Spontaneous / Refugee Returnee Response or 3. Monitoring of the cross-border movements of South Sudanese refugees spontaneously returning to South Sudan**. Implementation of the projects is expected to start from 1st March 2019.

Below are the main criteria that will be used for selecting the best-fit organizations to work in partnership with UNHCR:



1. **Sector expertise and experience:** evidence-based possession of the specifically required skills, equipped with sector specialists, thematic and sector-related knowledge and expertise, experienced and properly trained staff (all genders) and adequate human resources.
2. **Project management:** proven qualitative and timely ability to deliver project objectives within a well-established internal control system, including accountability, systematic monitoring and timely analytical reporting mechanisms and sound financial management system; taking into account audit results of previous projects, past performance and external audit of partners' financial statements, where applicable.
3. **Local experience and presence:** local knowledge; engaging refugees and other persons of concern both male and female; trust from local communities; local presence; partner policy on community relations; complaint mechanisms for persons of concern; self-organized groups of persons of concern; and other factors that would facilitate access to and better understanding of the persons of concern and that would reduce administrative difficulties.
4. **Contribution of resources:** evidenced and documented contribution of resources to the Project in cash or in-kind (e.g. human resources, supplies and/or equipment) by the organization that are presently available (or potentially mobilized) in order to supplement UNHCR resources.
5. **Cost effectiveness:** level of direct costs and administrative costs imposed on the Project in relation to project deliverables.
6. **Experience working with UNHCR:** satisfactorily proven global and/or local partnerships including knowledge of UNHCR policies, practices and programmes, including an understanding of and ability to work within UNHCR's funding limitations and associated inherent risks. Organizations with three consecutive qualified audit opinions for UNHCR-funded projects may not be considered.

Further information regarding the operation can be accessed through UNHCR data portal:

Refugee Response: <http://data.unhcr.org/SouthSudan/country.php?id=251>

Deadline for submission: **Monday, 7 January 2019.**

Communication of selection decision: **Monday, 18 February 2019.**

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